

TRENCH REPORT: B1000

Trenchmaster: Sheri Pak (SZP)

Trench Assistants: Robby Cuthrell and Hallie Franks

Trench Workmen: Pandelis Hatzidakis and Iannis Papadakis

Datum Points: There was only one datum point used during the excavation of this trench. It was R5 and its elevation is 363.77 masl.

Excavation Dates: June 13th to June 17th, 2003

Location: Trench B1000 is located directly north of trench B400, southeast of B2000, and directly south of Boyd's area. The trench is rhomboidal in shape and measures ca. 5.50m along the north, 8 m along the east, 4.80 m along south and 7.10 m along the western extents.

Purpose of Excavation: Because of the steep nature of the slope, the positions of the existing trenches, and the difficulties of locating appropriate and convenient spoil tips, it was decided to excavate all unexcavated areas of the western and southern slopes before excavating further downslope. This area was excavated in the hopes of defining the area above the room, an area marked by several very large tumbled boulders as well as a large outcropping of bedrock to the west.

Depositional History:

Excavation ended with the removal of two passes (B1001) of eroded and disturbed topsoil with tumbled stones from upslope. Very little was found in terms of pottery but what little was found dates to the Archaic period. The surface is very loose and chippy with many small to large inclusions. While there were many large stones exposed during excavation, none appear to be part of any architecture. Excavation was halted as a result. However, the location of this trench north of a storage space (B400) as well as next to an Archaic room of undetermined nature in B2000, would make this a likely area of some function. Continued excavation in the future might reveal architecture to substantiate/clarify this function.

Cut to the Chase:

1. loose soil surface with large tumbled stones and chippy material (eroded bedrock in several places)
2. **B1001:** Topsoil: modern surface material with many small inclusions and large tumble from above.

TRENCH REPORT: B1400

Trenchmaster: Sheri Pak (SZP)

Trench Assistants: Abbie Bollans, Anne Sassin, and Erica Zimmerman

Trench Workmen: none for this trench

Datum Points: There was only one datum point used during the excavation of this trench. It was R5 and its elevation is 363.77 masl.

Excavation Dates: June 25th to June 26th, 2003

Location: Trench B1400 is located southeast of B300, directly south of the wheelbarrow path for B600. Its northern extent measures 3.1 m, west to east, along a linear configuration of large bedrock boulders. Its eastern extent runs north-south for 2.4 m. The western baulkline extends 4.1 m while its southern limit measures 2.5 m.

Purpose of Excavation: Based on the surrounding configuration of stones (line of bedrock boulders along the northern, eastern and southern trench extents), and its proximity to B300, there was a possibility this was a built space. It was hoped that this sondage would reveal/clarify the nature of this space.

Depositional History: The excavation of this test trench ended with Locus B1402, a stratum of compact, dark reddish-brown soil. Because of the compact nature of the soil and because the location of the floor surface was still in question, this locus was only excavated in the northwest corner of the trench (0.95x0.95m). The pottery finds yielded Archaic and Hellenistic dates which lends support that this statrum was subject to washout from upslope. In general, there was little in term of finds collected. It is possible that this is all that remains of the surface based on its elevation relative to B300's surface. However, excavation was not completed this season. The locus immediately above this was Locus B1401, a mixture of topsoil and wash from upslope, which was excavated in two passes. As expected of topsoil, the pottery collected for this locus provides a variety of dates (Archaic, LM IIIC and Hellenistic?)

Future/additional excavation should focus primarily on defining the architecture surrounding this area. The poor preserved nature of the habitation material and floor surface prevents a more detailed analysis of this area.

Cut to the Chase:

1. **Possible floor surface :** Probably Archaic with surface contamination of Hellenistic pottery
2. **B1402:** Poorly preserved habitation material contaminated by eroded material and wash from upslope.
3. **B1401:** Topsoil: modern surface material with many small inclusions.

Year 2003 Trench/Locus B1001 Excavator SZP

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

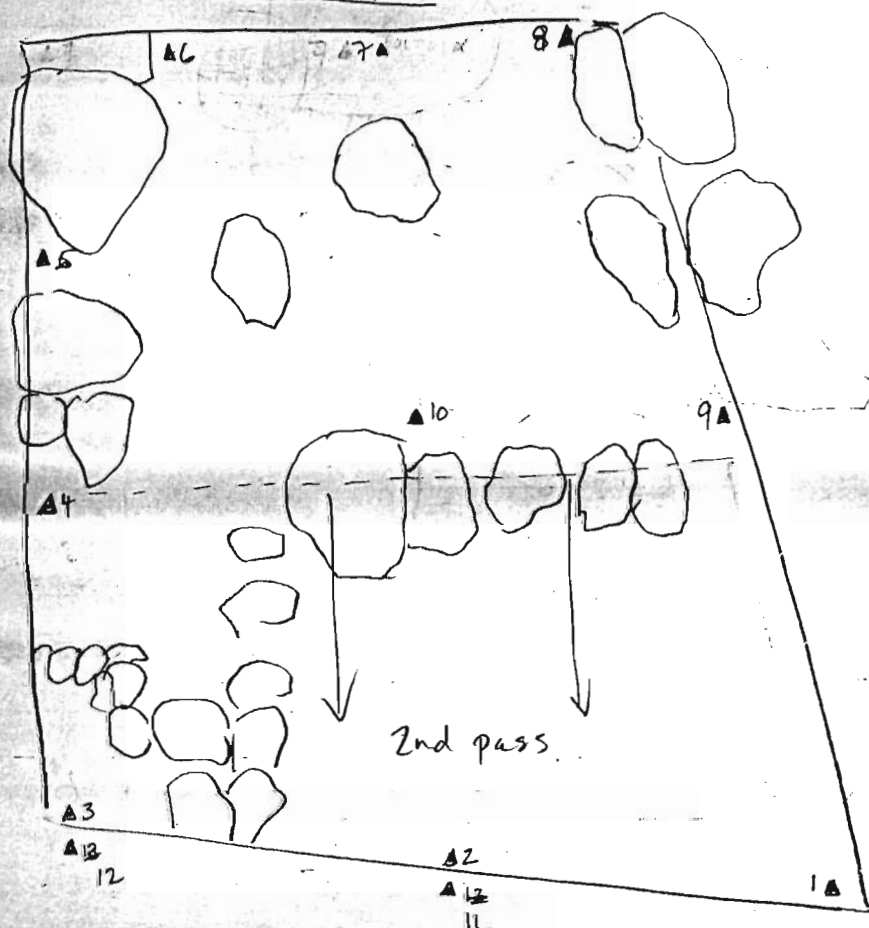
June 13/03: Surface cleaning of trench.

Spoil tip → chute on the west side of B1000
- Stones taken to east of B1000 of terrace.

June 16/03: completion of surfacing, start elevations taken and photos taken.

1st Pass (pail: B1001.1) from north to south, downslope, using small picks, depth of pass ca. 15-20 cm.

END ▲ B1001.1



R5

Rat 4.538

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1. 0.742
2. 0.715
3. 0.821
4. 0.937
5. 2.823
6. 3.148
7. 3.454
8. 3.582
9. 1.880
10. 2.044
11. 0.336
12. 0.565

start elevations

in order to approach linear config. of stones running east-west

2nd pass working north to south → pass to begin from mid way trench to north.
NW corner of locus → choppy, eroded bedrock (extremely friable)
With many fist sized inclusions

much rubble

Year 2003 Trench/Locus B1001 Excavator SZP

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

June 17/03: Continued excavation - due to the slope, excavation now moving South to north to remove tumble.

- pottery pail B1001.2
- revealed a layer of tumble (medium to large stones)
- new strategy - using large picks to remove large tumble
- very little pottery found; soil is still very loose.
- linear configuration of stones running north-south appears to be tumble as stones stick up randomly → this is the same with the east-west line of stones

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Year 2003

Trench/Locus B/400

Excavator SZP

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OBJECTS

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

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Year 2003 Trench/Locus B1401 Excavator SEP

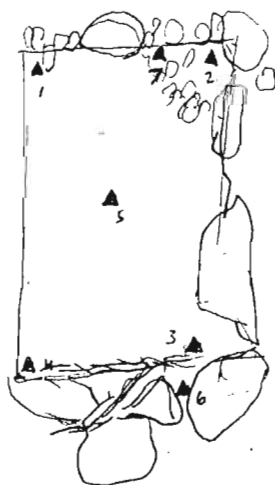
DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

June 25/03: Surface clearing; measurement of new trench; start elevations and photo taken

- using small picks
- : removal of topsoil (ca. 10 cm deep) begun in NW corner moving east → then moving southward. Pail is B1401.1; Soil is dark reddish-brown, loose with many small inclusions.
- : purpose to define W-E wall along the North and the South and the N-S wall along the east.
- : Spoil tip is the same as that for B1300 - just east of B1300
- : pottery finds include mostly coarseware (large pithos fragments) with some fineware; very little bone found.
- : pass completed to midday trench by day's end.

June 26/03: continued removal of topsoil at mid trench moving N to S using small pick axes and remaining at a depth of 5 to 10 cm

- : pail is B1401.2; pass. is gradually becoming deeper as moving downslope; soil seems to as a result be darker in color and looser
- : pottery finds not as numerous as yesterday but still consist of mainly coarseware
- : pass completed with definite downward slope at midday; ending elevations taken



RS
reading
on benchmark = 0.401

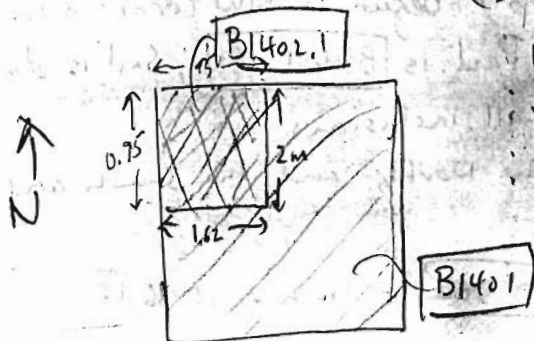
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- 5 3.081
- 6 3.411
- 7 3.050

ending elevation for B1401

- : started pass B1402.1 right on top of previous. B1401 moving W to E along the N wall at an approximate depth of 5-10 cm (continue with use of hand picks)

TRENCH/LOCUS B1402 EXCAVATOR SET
June 26/03 (cont) : began second pass - pail is B1402.1

- ! little pottery, little bone
- ! Surface is compact, yellowish brown
- ! Since surface is compact, and location of floor surface is still in question → trench/floor parameters changed
- ! small section of B1400 will be excavated - same pail is used (B1402.1)



pass of ca. 10cm

measured 95cm by 95cm

relatively smooth on the surface

- : ~~two~~ zambilla screened of dirt
- : swept up and cleaned area